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SUBJ: UN DRUG ABUSE FUND

REF: A-5935, JULY 12, 1973

1. IN THE ABSENCE OF FOREIGN MINISTER THORN ON HOLIDAY, I CALLED ON PAUD MERTZ, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, POLITICAL SECTION, MFA, TO FOLLOW UP EMBASSY'S DIPLOMATIC NOTE OF JULY 26, TO URGE LUXEMBOURG GOVERNMENT TO CONTRIBUTE TO US DRUG ABUSE FUND.

2. MERTZ SAID THAT LUXEMBOURG GOVERNMENT SUPPORTED OBJECTIVES OF DRUG FUND. A UN OFFICIAL HAD BEEN IN LUXEMBOURG A FEW MONTHS AGO AT WHICH TIME THE FOREIGN MINISTER WAS FAVORABLY IMPRESSED WITH OBJECTIVES OF FUND. HOWEVER, THERE HAD FIRST BEEN A MISUNDERSTANDING BECAUSE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC HEALTH THOUGHT THAT WHAT WAS INVOLVED WAS NOT SIMPLY A CONTRIBUTION, BUT A REQUEST FOR LUXEMBOURG TO PARTICIPATE IN TECHNICAL WORK OF DRUG COMMITTEE. THE SMALL STAFF OF MINISTRY OF PUBLIC HEALTH AS IT IS, IS NOW STRETCHED THIN COVERING DRUG WORK BEING DONE WITHIN EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AND COUNCIL OF EUROPE.

3. AS RESULT OF EMBASSY'S REPRESENTATION, MERTZ SAID MFA TOGETHER WITH MINISTRY OF PUBLIC HEALTH WOULD REINVESTIGATE MATTER. HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR

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LUXEMBOURG TO MAKE A TOKEN CONTRIBUTION. I POINTED OUT

THAT THIS WAS A GOOD TIME TO MAKE SUCH A DECISION
BECAUSE 1974 LUXEMBOURG BUDGET WAS IN PROCESS OF BEING
PREPARED. FARKAS

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